

Poisonous Snakes

Puff Adder

- Average length is 60-90cm
- Common and widespread all over SA
- Symptoms are pain, swelling and bruising at the bite
- Venom is cell destroying, therefore cytotoxic



Berg Adder

- Average length is 30-40cm
- Found mostly at high altitudes but also at the coast
- Venom is nerve destroying, therefore neurotoxic
- Symptoms are impaired eyesight and loss of senses of taste and smell



Cape Cobra

- Average length is 120cm
- Found in Karoo and arid regions of the Western and Northern Cape, Free State, Namibia, and Gauteng
- Symptoms are pain, swelling, slurred speech, imbalance and drowsiness
- Venom is neurotoxic
- Cobra is front-fanged



Horned Adder

- Average length is 20-35cm
- Found in Western Cape, Namibia, Limpopo and Northwest Province
- Venom is cytotoxic



Black Mamba

- Average length is 210-275cm
- Venom is neurotoxic
- Symptoms are swelling, throat pain, nausea, imbalance, muscular pain, nervousness, salivation and sweating



Green Mamba

- Average length is 180-210cm
- Found in KwaZulu-Natal, Mozambique and Eastern Zimbabwe
- Same symptoms as the black mamba and is also neurotoxic



Boomslang

- Average length is 120-150cm
- Found all over SA, except arid and dry regions in the Northern Cape
- Venom is haemotoxic, therefore affects the blood
- The boomslang is back fanged



Rinkhals

- Average length is 60-90cm
- Found in Gauteng, Northern Province, Mpumalanga, Free State and Western Cape
- Venom is neurotoxic
- It is front-fanged

